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Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, how long will it take the Government to decide? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member will exercise some patience."

Sri T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR :—" Sir, will the Government be pleased to publish all these text-books and supply them free to the students in the rural areas in view of the fact that the introduction of elementary education is to proceed at a very rapid pace? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The question of publication of the text-books by the Government is under consideration. The question of free distribution is a matter involving finance, and I cannot give an answer to that straightway."

Sri V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" இந்தப் பாடப் புத்தகங்களில் வரலாற்றுக்கு விரோதமான பொருள்களும், சில ஆட்சேபகரமான குறிப்புகளும் காணப்படுகின்றன. பாட புத்தகக் குழுவினரின் பிரியத்திற்கேற்றவாறு பாடப் புத்தகங்கள் தயாரிக்கவேண்டியிருப்பதனால், இந்த மாதிரி காரியங்களில் எச்சரிக்கையாயிருந்து தடுப்பதற்கு சரியான அனுபவமுள்ள கமிட்டியாரை நியமிப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் யோசிப்பார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We are contemplating the question of publication of text-books by Government. When we take up this question, certainly proper text-books will be selected and published."

Sri V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" Sir, I should like to know whether there is any idea of abandoning the modified scheme of elementary education. There are rumours afloat and we every day read something or other about it. We should like to know from an authoritative source whether there is any definite idea of dropping the scheme."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" An authoritative pronouncement will be made very soon, Sir."

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Is the proposal to publish text-books by the State agency applicable to elementary schools or to secondary schools also? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" For the present it is applicable only to elementary schools."

Rise in the price of tamarind.

* 56 Q.—Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of tamarind has risen considerably; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government or proposed to be taken to keep down the price of the same?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Government of India have been addressed to place a limit on the export quota of tamarind to foreign countries."

UNSTARRED QUESTION.

Amount spent out of the 40 lakhs of rupees deposited with the Government by Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

3 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the amount spent out of the 40 lakhs of rupees deposited with the Government by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board and for what purpose?

A.—On the coming into force of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1951, the assets of the ex-Hindu Religious Endowments Board amounting to Rs. 59,46,584 and liabilities amounting to Rs. 13,30,838 devolved on the Government under section 101 of the said Act. The assets included arrears of contributions, etc., recoverable from religious institutions, as on 30th September 1951. Similarly, the liabilities included the payments due as on 30th September 1951. The Member apparently wants to know how the cash, securities, etc., taken over by the Government from the late Hindu Religious Endowments Board, was spent.

The position as on 30th September 1953 (the date of partition of the State) in this respect was as under :—

Assets.	*Assets taken over.*	*Assets realized and merged in general balances or transferred to the temples concerned.*	*Balance on 30th September 1953.*	*Remarks.*
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	RS. IN LAKHS.	RS. IN LAKHS.	RS. IN LAKHS.	
Cash in private banks ..	6·31	6·31	..	..
Fixed deposits in private banks	8·50	5·15	3·35*	..
Government securities ..	9·57	1·46†	8·11	..
Debentures of the Central Land Mortgage Bank, Ltd	15·31	..	15·31	..
	39·69	12·92	26·77	

The fixed deposits (Rs. 3·35 lakhs) to be realized are in banks located in the present Madras State and they will be realized by this Government as and when they mature. The securities and debentures totalling

Remarks.— * To be realized.

† Includes securities of the nominal value of Rs. 21,000 transferred to the temples concerned in the Coimbatore district.

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